

### REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokito et al, in view of Tyan et al, for the reasons of record. In response, independent claim 1 is herewith amended in order to more particularly and precisely define the novel and unobvious subject matter of the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, as well as the remaining claims depending therefrom, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references for the reasons detailed below.

More particularly, claim 1, is herewith amended to more precisely recite an anode and a cathode electrode, rather than merely a first and second electrode. This more precise recitation is patentably significant because the electrode in Tokito which is deemed in the Action to correspond to the first electrode in claim 1 of the instant application is in fact clearly labeled as a cathode, whereas this first electrode in the instant application is described, and now more precisely claimed, as the anode electrode. Likewise, the electrode deemed to be the second electrode in the reference is in fact clearly labeled as the anode electrode in the prior art, whereas the second electrode in claim 1 is now more precisely recited as the cathode electrode.

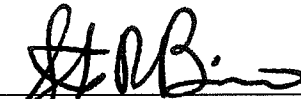
Furthermore, claim 1 is herewith additionally amended to recite that the transparent dielectric layer bordering on the cathode electrode has a high refractive index, whereby reflection of light emitted by the electroluminescent layer at the cathode electrode is reduced by the transparent dielectric layer and transmission of light through the cathode electrode is increased. Clearly, Tokito has no corresponding structure to the configuration as now more precisely recited in claim 1, and so Tokito cannot offer the improved performance of the instant invention.

Support for the subject matter added to claim 1 by this amendment may be found *inter alia*, at pages 1-4 of the instant specification.

Furthermore, and particularly in view of the foregoing amendments, the cited structure of Tokito, and the two cited structures of Tyan, teach three substantially different configurations of various electrode, dielectric and electroluminescent layers, none of which corresponds to the particular advantageous combination of layers as now more particularly and precisely recited in claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that it would take either impermissible hindsight derived from the instant disclosure, or else impermissible undue experimentation, in order to duplicate the structure and resultant improved performance of the instant invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herewith amended, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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